

Event terms and conditions

Festival of Science and Curiosity

25 September 2026, EMBL Campus

This includes:

- House rules
- External statement on liability and photography
- Health and safety statement in the booklet

House rules

These House Rules apply to all participants of the Festival of Science & Curiosity (“Event”), organized by EMBL.

By entering the Event site, you agree to comply with these House Rules, EMBL’s internal policies, and with instructions issued by EMBL, its staff, and security/ medical personnel.

1. Entry and capacity

Entry is free of charge and does not require prior registration, unless EMBL states otherwise for a particular activity.

Admission is subject to available capacity and security requirements. The Organization may temporarily stop or refuse entry where this is necessary for safety, security or the orderly operation of the Event.

Visitors must follow posted signs, barriers, and access restrictions.

EMBL may amend the programme, close areas, interrupt activities or cancel the Event where necessary for safety, security, weather or other operational reasons.

Please collect a wristband at the Advanced Training Centre (ATC) reception when you arrive at the Festival and keep it on at all times.

For children, please write the mobile phone number of the responsible adult and the child’s spoken languages directly on the wristband. This will help with reunification if a child becomes separated from their accompanying adult.

2. Security screening and prohibited items

For the safety of all participants, entry may be conditional on consenting to proportionate security screening. This may include a visual inspection of bags and personal items.

Prohibited items may be refused at entry. Please note:

- Pets are not permitted except for service animals.
- Alcohol must not be brought to the Festival.
- Weapons are not allowed on campus.

Visitors must not leave bags or other property unattended.

3. Safeguarding

The primary responsibility for the welfare and safety of a child or adult at risk is that of the supervising adult(s).

Safeguarding is defined as a) taking all reasonable steps to prevent harm occurring and protect all children and adults at risk from abuse, neglect and maltreatment and b) responding appropriately when harm does occur.

“Safeguarding Concern” is defined as suspicion, allegation, observation, or disclosure indicating that a child or adult at risk has experienced, is experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, exploitation, or any form of harm

If participants have a Safeguarding Concern during the Event they should approach an EMBL member of staff and ask to speak to the Event’s Designated Safeguarding Lead.

4. Conduct

Participants must act respectfully towards other participants, staff, volunteers, exhibitors and contractors.

Harassment, discrimination, threats, violence, abusive behaviour, intoxication, damage to property, or conduct that creates a safety risk will not be tolerated.

EMBL has working laboratories and workshops that may contain hazardous materials and other hazards. Please do not enter any areas that are not open to the public, and follow the instructions of staff at all times.

Smoking and vaping are only permitted in the designated smoking area behind the ATC. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at the Festival and must not be brought onto the site.

Eating and drinking is not allowed in any buildings other than the dining area.

The Campus is under video surveillance.

5. Photography, filming and media

Photos and video may be taken during the event for use in EMBL's official communications, including our website, printed materials, internal newsletters and social media. By attending the Event, you acknowledge that photography and filming will take place and that you may

appear in this material. For more information please refer to the photography and videography privacy notice.

Commercial recording, livestreaming, drones and professional media activity require prior written authorisation from EMBL.

6. Accessibility and assistance

The Festival aims to provide an inclusive and welcoming experience for all visitors.

Getting around

- We have taken steps to make Festival spaces as accessible as possible. Accessibility measures include:
- Accessible routes between Festival venues wherever possible
- Pathways with a minimum width of 1.6 metres, and 2 metres where possible
- Accessible parking
- Step-free access to Festival spaces where available
- Clearly identified staff who can provide assistance

Hearing support at the Klaus Tschira Auditorium

A hearing loop system with dedicated receivers is available at the Klaus Tschira Auditorium.

- An induction neck loop or headphones can be connected using a 3.5 mm jack.
- Compatibility with newer hearing aids and cochlear implants may vary depending on the model.
- A microphone can usually be placed on the podium or connected to a microphone brought by attendees.

Please speak to a member of staff if you require assistance with the system.

Language support

Look for the language stickers worn by staff to see which languages they speak.

Quiet room

A quiet room is available in Room 218 on the upper floor of the Imaging Centre. This calm space includes dim lighting and sensory items.

Accessible toilets

Accessible toilets are available:

- On levels E0 and E1 of the ATC
- On the upper and lower levels of the Imaging Centre

Diaper-changing facilities

Diaper-changing facilities are available on level E1 of the ATC.

Nursing room

A nursing room is available on the Science Rooftop.

Prayer room

A prayer room is available on level E0 of the ATC.

Emergency accessibility

Procedures are in place to support the safe evacuation of visitors with accessibility or mobility requirements. Appropriate assistance and evacuation equipment will be available where required.

If you have specific accessibility or evacuation needs, please speak to a member of EMBL staff during the Festival so that we can provide appropriate support.

7. Emergencies and incidents

In an emergency, participants must strictly follow instructions of EMBL's staff, security/medical personnel, and other emergency responders.

Participants must immediately report accidents, hazards, suspicious items, lost children or safeguarding concerns to EMBL staff.

Medical first responders are based in the medical room on the entrance level of the ATC. Contact any EMBL staff member if assistance is needed.

If the alarm sounds, follow staff wearing green T-shirts to the nearest exit. Assembly points are located outside the ATC and the Imaging Centre. Do not use elevators and do not re-enter the building unless you are told that it is safe.

8. Liability and personal property

Participation in the Event activities is voluntary. Please take reasonable care for your own safety and well-being.

Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times. While we take reasonable measures to provide a safe environment, EMBL cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage to personal property.

EMBL accepts no liability for any injury, loss or damage arising from attendance at or participation in the Event, except where such liability cannot be excluded under applicable law.

9. Data protection

Personal data are processed in accordance with EMBL's Event Privacy Notice, available at [PDF Privacy Notice Festival of Science and Curiosity.pdf](#).

10. Enforcement

EMBL may refuse entry to, or require the immediate departure of, any person who does not comply with these House Rules or whose presence otherwise presents a safety, security or safeguarding concern.

These House Rules are governed by and interpreted consistently with EMBL's internal policies and its privileges and immunities.

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Liability and photography statement to display at entrance

For everyone's safety and comfort, we ask all participants to please note the following:

- Please follow all health, safety and emergency instructions provided by our staff;
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- Keep your personal belongings with you at all times. While we take reasonable measures to provide a safe environment, EMBL cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage to personal property.
 - Children 15 years old and under must remain under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times.
 - Photos and video may be taken during the event for use in EMBL's official communications, including our website, printed materials, internal newsletters and social media.
 - Food and beverages provided at the event may contain allergens. Participants with allergies or specific dietary requirements are advised to check with the catering staff before consuming any food or drinks.
 - EMBL and its staff accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage arising from attendance at or participation in the Event, except where such liability cannot be excluded under applicable law.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact festival@embl.org.